
INSTRUCTIONS

RELATIVE TO

THE BAGGAGE AND MARCHES

OF

THE ARMY.

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THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, considering the Possibility of the Army's being suddenly called into the Field, and employed on active Service, has thought proper to order the following Instructions to be published and communicated to every Individual, as far as each is concerned: a sufficient Number of Copies having accordingly been printed and distributed, all Generals and Commanding Officers of Regiments and of Corps are to take Care that the Particulars therein stated are universally known, and observed by the Troops under their Command.

*By Command of the Earl of Carhampton,
Commander in Chief.*

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Adjutant General.



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THE Service on which the Troops may be called, will be of such a Nature, while it lasts, that consistent with the Safety and Operations of the Army, the usual Convenience of the Field cannot be allowed or expected. Nature of Service that may be required.

From the unremitting Zeal and Ardour of the Troops, every Success may be hoped for—but for this Purpose every unnecessary Embarrassment of Baggage must be removed, to enable us to act with Advantage and Activity.

In

Nature of
Service.

In many Situations, our Object will be, in stopping the Progress of an Enemy, if superior in Number, and endeavouring to penetrate into the Country, instead of keeping all our Force collected to oppose him in Front, to allot a Part only for the Purpose, and by throwing the rest in different Bodies on his Flanks, and even in his Rear, as he advances, to circumscribe his Movements, and, by unremitting Attacks, to make his Progress slow and uneasy. This will not be difficult to attain, should his March be confined to the great Roads of the Country, from the Extension of his Columns; and as an Attack any where, would necessarily make a Stop every where: should he endeavour to open parallel Routes, and to march in several connected Columns, this Operation could be much retarded, would occasion great Delay in point of Time, and give us great Advantage in assembling and encreasing our Numbers.

In opposing the Enemy in this Manner, every thing will depend on the Alertness
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of the Troops, the Lightness of their ^{Nature of} Equipment, and their being free from ^{Service.} every Incumbrance of Baggage, Carriages, or even a numerous Artillery.

They must consider themselves in the Situation of an advanced or rear Guard, always within Reach or within Sight of an Enemy; ready to advance, fall back, or change their Position in a Moment; it will depend upon the Nature of the Ground, how far the Cavalry can give Support on such Occasions to the Infantry; but in general they will be destined to annoy and circumscribe the Flanks of the Enemy's March.

In carrying on this kind of War, the Troops would hardly ever be able to Encamp, but when it was apparent, that the Enemy, from Necessity, would be obliged to remain in some particular Situation, or that we took up a Position that must be maintained.

For this State of Action, we must be always prepared; and though, while it lasts, exceedingly severe for the Troops, must
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Service.

be more than equally distressing to the Enemy, as his difficulty must encrease the further he advances into the Country, and whenever he becomes obliged to establish a Chain of Posts, to keep up his Communication with the Point from which he originally departed : such Posts will certainly be forced and cut off, and he thereby reduced to the greatest Extremity, while the Country open to our Rear will afford us every Help and Assistance, and enable us, when he arrives at a certain Point, and when it is judged proper, with united and encreased Force to attack and utterly defeat him.

The above general Circumstances, relative to the Nature of the Service we may expect, are pointed out to the Troops, to shew the Advantages we may possess ; what may be required of us ; and the State of Readiness and Lightness in which we must be put to act with Vigour, and discharge our Duty with Honour to Ourselves, and Advantage to our Country.

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The Propriety of the following Regula- Regulations.
tions must therefore be apparent to every
one ; will be cheerfully entered into, from
the Necessity of the Service ; will take
Place from the Minute the Troops are
called upon to march ; and will be rigidly
enforced : as the Welfare of the Soldier
and the Army depend upon them.

The light Baggage of the Army will be
carried on Cars: the following Proportion
will be allowed to the different Regiments.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	CAVALRY.			INFANTRY.											
	Of the Line. Fencibles.			Militia at 70 Rank and File per Company.											
	9 Troops, 675 Rank and File.	8 Troops, 600 Rank and File.	6 Troops, 348 Rank and File.	12 Companies.	11 Companies.	10 Companies.	9 Companies.	8 Companies.	7 Companies.	6 Companies.	5 Companies.	4 Companies.	Fencibles 500 Rank and File.		
Two Days Bread, for which Wicker Baskets will be provided and furnished by the Quarter Master Gen.	3	3	2	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	3		
The Men's Tents and Poles	9	8	4	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	4		
The spare Ammunition	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Intrenching Tools	1	1	1	10	10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	10		
The Baggage of the Officers	9	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
The Baggage of the Staff Officers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
The Surgeon's Medicine Chest	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total	25	23	15	20	31	29	27	25	22	20	17	15	12	23	

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When the effective Rank and File of a Regiment, actually in the Field, shall exceed or fall short of the above Numbers, a proportionable Increase or Diminution must be made in the Cars allowed for the Carriage of it's Bread, Tents, and Ammunition.

Upon the Event therefore of an Enemy's landing, or of the Troops being suddenly called upon to march, the commanding Officer of each Regiment will immediately secure the Number of Cars allotted for his Corps, agreeable to the foregoing Regulation, which he is directed to hire, in preference to pressing; and by a previous Enquiry, he may be probably enabled to fix on such, as from the Strength of the Horses, and the Intelligence, Sobriety, and Fidelity of the Drivers may be most likely to be of Service.

For each Horse, Car, and Driver, three Shillings per Day will be allowed, the Horse is to be fed by Government.

When Circumstances will permit, two Sutler's Cars will be suffered to attend each Regiment.

Carriages and
Baggage.

The Carriages of the General Officers allowed with, or near the Column of the Army.

Lieut. Generals, 1 Chaise, 2 Cars.

Major Generals, 1 Chaise, 1 Car.

Brigadiers, 1 Chaise, 1 Car.

The Carriages of Head Quarters will be exceedingly limited by the Commander in chief.

All other private Carriages whatever, will be considered as belonging to the heavy Baggage of the Army, will be ordered to a great Distance in the Rear, and if at any Time found near the Army will be ordered to be destroyed.

As it is impossible, in the Service that may occur, to calculate for the Carriage or Use of large Tents, or other Conveniences which Officers are generally allowed, when in the Field, and as the Loss of such Baggage, beside retarding the Operations of the Army, would probably and immediately take Place, it is recommended to each Officer to prepare and make his Arrangements for moving in the lightest manner

manner. Should it be afterwards found that more Comfort can be allowed to Individuals, consistent with the Safety of the Whole, the necessary Steps will be taken for that Purpose.

Carriages and
Baggage.

The personal Baggage of each Officer must be contained in a small Portmanteau—one small Tent is all that the Officers of each Troop or Company can calculate upon. A Reduction and critical Inspection of what every Soldier is to carry, as his Baggage, should be made in Time; and every Thing superfluous destined to be lodged with the heavy Baggage, which will remain in the present Quarters of the Regiment, till otherwise ordered to be disposed of.

Two Shirts, a Pair of Shoes, one Pair of Leggings, Combs and Brushes in his Pack (and a Dragoon what is necessary for the Care of his Horse) with a Blanket, are all a Soldier can be required to carry.

The Blankets of the Cavalry will be carried under the Mens' Saddles.

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**Carriages and
Baggage.**

The Camp Kettles will be carried by the Men, placed on the upper Part of the Soldier's Pack in a Bag, and never loose in the Hand.

To the Object of reducing and carrying the Baggage abovementioned, the commanding Officers of Regiments are desired to give an immediate Attention, and to make the proper Trials of loading and moving, which alone can enable the Regiments to march properly, when called upon.

The heavy Baggage of each Regiment, including every Thing not mentioned above, will be sent, under the Escort of the Convalescents and infirm Men of each Corps; with a proper Number of Officers and non-commissioned Officers, to such Places as the General Officers commanding Districts shall appoint: to these Places the Women and Children will also be sent.— The Regiments are to march with such Men only, as are fit for active Service. No Part of the heavy Baggage will be allowed to join the Army, but by public Orders.

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In order to accelerate the Assembling of the Army on such Points as may be ordered, those Corps that may happen to be in dispersed Quarters will endeavour to collect on the March, and every Regiment will send forward, at least one Day, in it's Front an intelligent Officer and Serjeant to provide Straw and Provisions for the Men, and secure proper Ground for the Regiment to encamp on. ^{Assembling the Army.}

When Cavalry and Infantry meet on their March in the same Town, the Stabling must be invariably given up for the Use of the former.

The Officers who have Charge of the heavy Baggage, Sick, Convalescents, &c. are to consider themselves and their Parties as destined, in Conjunction with the Magistrates and the District Corps, to give Protection to, and secure the internal Quiet of the Towns they may be quartered in.

The Infantry will march with Tents, in Tents. the Proportion of one to six Men for their effective Numbers, the Cavalry at the Rate of one to five Men.

Artillery.

Two Battalion Guns with one Tumbril will be attached to each Regiment of Infantry.

Such Artillery as remains in the Park, will be limited as to Number of Guns, Carriages, &c. according to the Specification given to the commanding Officer of Artillery.

Bat-Men.

The following Number of Bat-Men will be allowed,

One to each Field Officer and Captain,

One to two Subalterns,

One to the Staff Officers,

with a trusty orderly Man to the Surgeon, whose only Duty will be to carry the Box of Instruments, with which he is to parade whenever the Regiment is ordered to march, and the commanding Officer is to be responsible for his Presence, when he reports the Battalion to the General commanding the Brigade: the Box of Instruments to conform in every Respect to the Army Medical Regulations.

One Camp Colour Man per Troop and Company, with a Serjeant and Corporal
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from each Regiment of Cavalry and Infantry to be selected.

Commanding Officers of Regiments will be answerable that, under no Pretence whatever, Officers employ, or withhold from their Duty as Soldiers, more than the before limited Number, but that every other Man possible is at all Times effective, and doing Duty in the Ranks. The General Officers are required to make the strictest Enquiry into the state of Regiments, when under Arms, and to have the written Returns made to them fully explained, and accounted for, as from them the Commander in Chief will expect every Information of the effective Strength of Regiments, which is the Test of Attention and Care in the commanding Officer.

Each Battalion will give a non-commissioned Officer and four Men, each Regiment of Cavalry will give a non-commissioned Officer and three Men as a Guard to the Baggage Cars.

Each Regiment of Infantry will receive Entrenching
20 Pick-axes, 20 Spades, 20 Shovels, 40 Tools.

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Bill-hooks, 10 Axes, amounting in Weight to about . These Tools will be carried on the Car allotted for that Purpose, and that Car will at all Times and in all Situations, march at the Head of the Regiment.

Entrenching
Tools.

Each Regiment of Cavalry will receive 8 Pick-axes, 8 Spades, 8 Shovels, 16 Bill-hooks, 8 Axes, amounting in Weight to about . These Tools will be carried on Horseback, and on a Horse with Hampers allotted for that Purpose, and will at all Times march at the Head of the Regiment.

These Tools are meant to be ready at all Times for making the Openings so necessary in this embarrassed Country.

Forge Carts.

To each Regiment of Cavalry of the Line two Forge Carts will be attached, and one to each Fencible Corps.

Spare Appointments.

Spare Appointments and Arms of every Kind must of Course remain with the heavy Baggage.

Battalion
Guns.

The Battallion Guns will always march at the Head of the Regiment, which ever
Flank

Flank leads. The Tumbrils and Cars will immediately follow the Troops of the Column.

The Place of march of the Artillery of the Park and Carriages will be specified in the Order of March.

It is to be wished that at all Times each Bread Soldier is provided with four Days Bread in his Haversack, and two days more carried in the Regimental Carriages; when this is delivered out, those Carriages under the Guard of a Serjeant and four Men per Battalion, and a Corporal and two Men per Regiment of Cavalry, will be sent to the Baker to be again loaded. A Person fixed and stationed at Head Quarters, will be appointed to give Orders to the Regiments relative to their Bread, and the Dispatch of their Carriages, and also to ascertain and regulate the Foraging of the Army. The Bread Carriages will seldom make a Part of the Line of March of the Army; when they do, their Place in the Line will be specified.

Ammunition. Each Dragoon will carry his Cartouch Box full of Amunition. The Infantry will march with 29 Rounds in their Pouches; the remaining 31 Rounds in the Tin Magazines are to be securely packed in Amunition Boxes, which will be furnished to each Regiment, and carried on the Amunition Cars.

Forage. The Cavalry will always carry two Days Corn if it can be got, and Hay according to Circumstances.

Order of March. When a Corps moves in one Column, the following will, in general, be the Order of March, if not otherwise ordered, and exclusive of the more particular Van or Rear Guards.

ADVANCING.

Advanced Guard, consisting of the Picquets of the Infantry and Cavalry, and new grand Guard, followed by the Camp Colour Men.

Pioneers.

1 Regt. of Lt. Drag.

RETREATING.

Advanced Guard, consisting of the new grand Guard for Head Quarters, one Infantry Picquet, Camp Colour Men.

Pioneers.

Sick Carriages.

Infantry

ADVANCING.

Infantry.

Cavalry.

Regimental Tumbrils,
and Ammunition Cars.

Baggage Cars in the
Order of their Regi-
ments.

Artillery of the Park.

Gen. Officers' Car-
riages.

Bread Carriages.

Cavalry Forge Carts,
and Ammunition Cars.

Sutlers' Cars.

Sick Carriages.

Squadron of Cavalry.

Old grand Guard
and small Out-Posts and
Detachments which will
be ordered to join it,
will form the Rear
Guard.

RETREATING.

Sutlers' Carriages.

Cavalry Forge Carts,
and Ammunition Cars.

Bread Carriages.

Gen. Officer's Car-
riages.

Artillery of the Park.

Baggage Cars in the
Order of their Regi-
ments.

Regimental Tumbrils,
and Ammunition Cars.

Cavalry.

Infantry.

1 Squadron of Light
Dragoons.

Rear Guard consist-
ing of the Infantry and
Cavalry Picquets, old
grand Guard, Out-Posts
of Cavalry or Infantry
ordered to join.

Two or more Pieces of Cannon will
always march with the advanced Guard
when advancing, and with the Rear Guard
when retiring.

When the Tents are ordered to be struck, Camp Colour
the advanced Guard and Camp Colour Men.

Men

Men will always assemble at the Head of the Regiment of Infantry in advancing, or of the Cavalry in retiring, which leads the Columns, or of such Regiments as will be specified, when marching in more Columns than one. The General Officers will each send a proper Person with the Camp Colour Men, to take Possession of Quarters, when they can be marked.

March in
several Co-
lums.

When the Army marches in more than one Column, the Columns will generally be composed of both Cavalry and Infantry; the Particulars of advanced and rear Guards will be specified; the Generals who command them will be named, and the particular Corps in the Manner they follow in each Column. It is always the Business of General Officers leading Columns, to take Care that every Part of that Column falls properly into its Place of March.

When the Army marches from its left, every Regiment marches from its left; and when the Army marches from its right, every Regiment marches from its right.

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When the Army retires, the Carriages, Carriages.
except such Artillery ones as are specified,
will in general be ordered under a proper
Escort, to precede the March of the Army.

The greatest Attention must be given by
every one, whose immediate Province it is,
that all Carriages are in good Order, and
none overloaded. If they are not in a
Condition to march as quick as the
Troops may march, they will impede
every Operation, and endanger the Safety
of the Army:

When the Army is to march, the parti- Order for
cular Detail and Disposition of March will Marching.
not always be given out in public Orders.
Should the only Notice given be, " The
Army will march the
exactly at o'Clock," an Hour
before the Time fixed for the March, the
Tents must be struck: the Regiments will
then form, and the Baggage be loaded,
and ready in the Rear of each.

Guides will be sent to the Head of the Disposition of
Regiments that lead Columns, and a sealed March.
Disposition of March, there to be opened,
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by the General, or oldest Field Officer present; in Consequence of which, by him, the advanced Guard will be ordered to form; the Regiments and Carriages to close into the leading Regiments, according to the Order of March; and when the whole are ready, the Column or Columns will move off in the Manner then prescribed, and at the appointed Hour.

In general, a Rendezvous will be appointed, for the Baggage Cars and Carriages, that they may the more readily be directed into the Line of March. One Subaltern per Brigade will attend the Carriages.

The Hour. The Aides de Camp and Majors of Brigade will always regulate their Watches by Head Quarters, that Regularity of Movement in the Troops may be observed.

Attentions of Commanders. Commanding Officers of Battalions, Squadrons, and Brigades of Artillery, will be responsible that they are formed, Tents struck, and the Baggage loaded, in half an Hour from the Time that the Signal for the March was given them; and for this Purpose

pose it is necessary they should exercise their Men to it, where they have Opportunities.

The Commanding Officers will pay the greatest Attention during the March, and be answerable that the Battalions march by Subdivisions, and the Cavalry by Subdivisions, or Ranks by threes or twos ; if the narrowness of the Route obliges them to diminish this Front, they must be ordered to double up, as soon as they have passed it.

Attentions on
the March.

Every Officer will remain with his Division, and never quit it on any account.

No Soldier to be permitted to leave his Rank. No Horses or Carriages suffered to interrupt the march of the Column. The distance between Divisions never to exceed the front of Divisions.

Commanding Officers of Brigades will take care that the Battalions and Squadrons march well closed, and at their proper ordered Distance. They will remain with the Brigades, and punctually observe the order of March, and the Execution of every Article prescribed.

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Carriages if
disabled.

If a Carriage breaks, it must be drawn aside, the Road cleared, and a proper Escort left with it, that the march of the Column be not interrupted. If it can be repaired in time, it will follow; if not, the Loading must be divided among the nearest Carriages, who are hereby directed to give this reasonable Assistance.

Attentions of
Generals.

The Generals who lead Columns are to exact Obedience, in the strictest Manner, that they may carefully begin their March, precisely at the Hour appointed; that an equal Pace is kept, and so to regulate it, that the Troops, at most, may march two Irish Miles in an Hour.

The Guides serve only to shew the way for the Columns; Pioneers ordered must make the necessary Openings, and repair the Roads; but the Generals must not trust to those Precautions; they must gain the most exact Knowledge of the Route they are to march, and themselves reflect on the most proper means to avoid all Difficulties that may embarrass the March.

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Though Troops do not always march in presence of an Enemy, it is, nevertheless, of infinite Consequence, that they should always consider themselves as if in that Situation. Equal and well-ordered Marches contribute not only to the Preservation of the Army, but accustom the Troops at all Times to be ready to attack or repulse the Enemy.

Necessity of
Precision in
the March.

It is always Time well employed to halt the Head of a Column, and enlarge an Opening, or repair a bad Step in the Road, rather than to diminish the Front, and lengthen out the Line of March.

Repairing
Roads.

No Individual is ever to presume to march on a less Front than what the Leader of a Column directs, and all Doublings, therefore, must come from the Head only; the proper Closeness of the March, on all Occasions, is a Point of the highest Consequence; and it is a most meritorious Service in any Officer to prevent all unnecessary Doublings, or to correct them as soon as made; and on all Occasions whatever, when in Columns to march on the greatest

Front the Roads or Overtures will allow, although the Regiments or Divisions before them may be marching on a narrower Front.

The Carriages must be obliged to march two a-breast when the Roads will allow, and to be as connected, and take up as little Space as possible. In short, it should be the Study and Attention of every one, to contract the Line of March as much as possible ; for, notwithstanding every Exertion, it will be much too extended.

Whenever the Baggage is ordered to be sent away, all Carriages whatever are comprehended, except such as are particularly specified.

Openings of
Communication.

The Instant that a Regiment comes to its Ground, it must make Openings of Communication both to its Front and Flanks.

Disabled Car-
riages.

¶ The Line of Carriages must at no Time stop, whatever Accident may happen to any Individual one ; but such Carriage must instantly be drawn on one Side, and repaired, if possible, while the rest proceed.

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The Officers commanding the several Divisions of Carriages will be answerable for the strict Observance of this Article, a Failure of which might stop and endanger the whole Army.

Whenever the Regiments encamp, or Encampment. take up any extended Position in Front, it will always be the Business of Commanding Officers to find out, and to make the most convenient Passages to the great Routes by which the Column is afterwards to march. And on many Occasions, where there will not be Time to open and occupy an extensive Front, the Army will encamp parallel to, and along the great Route, covered by an advanced Corps on the Flank next the Enemy.

At all Times when Commanding Officers see that there are likely to be Impediments, from the Nature of the Ground, to the Movements or March of their Regiments, they should always detach Officers in advance, to reconnoitre and point out the Means and Passages by which such Obstacles are to be avoided; and at no Time
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Attention in
Movement.

are such Helps so necessary, as when Regiments are acting in Line in broken Ground, and when their Movements are combined with those of others.

**Majors of
Brigade.**

Whenever the Army moves, the Majors of Brigade are to take particular Care, that all advanced and detached Posts are called in at the proper Times, to their Places in the Column of March.

The Men on advanced Guards and outlying Picquets, to take their Provision with them, ready cooked: the Officers parading the Men for these Duties must examine their Haversacks, and see that this Order be complied with.

The Officers on advanced Guards and outlying Picquets, are never to allow their Men to unpack their Blankets. One third of their Guards should sit with their Arms in their Hands during the Night.

All Guards and outlying Picquets to mount with their Packs.

The Officers of Companies are daily to examine into the state of their Mens' Ammunition.

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The greatest Attention must be paid by the Officers to the Mens' Cooking; when the Situation of Regiments will admit, foraging Parties will constantly go out.

When Parties go for Water, or to Wash, a non-commissioned Officer per Company must attend. If distant, or to Forage, one Officer will have charge of the whole.

On a Battalion coming to its Ground, the quarter and rear Guards are first to be formed; advanced Picquets, if necessary, sent out; the Tents are then to be pitched. Officers must remain with their Companies, until the Soldiers are covered.

All Servants to mount Guard with their Masters, and do the Duty of that Guard.

No Soldier to go from Camp or Quarters but by Pass.

One Officer per Company to be constantly in Camp.

Each Regiment will have a Captain of the Day, who will have the Rolls called at uncertain Hours, and receive all Reports.



